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Torrance, California.
October 25th., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chamber at Torrance, California, October 25th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 11th., 1932, be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from C.J. Rambo & Company containing a report of the quarterly audit ending September 30, 1932. Councilman Ludlow moved this communication be placed on file. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the First Church of Christ Scientist requesting permission to use the premises at 1208 El Prado Street, for temporary religious and reading room purposes. Councilman Ludlow moved that a temporary permit be granted in this matter to use the premises for the purpose requested until such time as there were objections presented to the council through petition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from George Rowberry requesting a permit to open a Billiard and club room at 1605 Cabrillo Avenue. Councilman Conner moved that the permit be granted, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Wright. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the County Board of Supervisors relating to the necessity for municipalities assuming compensation liability within cities even in cases where work was being paid for out of County funds. This communication was ordered placed on file, motion made by Councilman Ludlow, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock and carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Board of Education relative to lack of facilities in matter of bus service for school pupils within this city in which the council's attention was called to the fact that the matter had been submitted to the Finance Committee of the Board of Education for a later report.

Clerk Bartlett reported estimates furnished for the cost of painting street name posts within the city -

From W. J. Morrison at the expense of 65¢ per post, for two coats of paint and a cost of 50¢ for setting.

From J. W. Selby one coat 40¢, two coats 50¢ per post.

From Travers & Barisano an estimate on 60 posts \$90.00.

City Engineer stated that he believed it advisable for the city to furnish and set the posts. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Street Department attend to the painting and setting of the necessary posts using unemployed labor. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ludlow and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. COUNCILMAN Conner voted present.

Clerk Bartlett reported that in the matter of protest against the use of the Water Company's lots on Madrid Avenue for storing equipment, that he had interviewed all the signers except two and they were still objecting to the use of the lots for this purpose. Councilman Ludlow moved that the Water Company be notified that without rezoning the lots permission to store the pipes on the premises could not be granted and also that the Water Company be notified that arrangements could be made for storing the pipes on city property at the material yard if so desired. The motion was seconded by Councilman Conner and carried unanimously.

Representation of the city on the Metropolitan Water District Board was brought up by Mayor Klusman, the Mayor stating that so far it has cost the city about \$17,000.00 and he felt that the city should be directly represented through its Council. In the discussion of the matter Attorney Jensen called attention to the fact that representation on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District was fixed by a special act of the legislature and that it was his understanding that to remove a director it would be necessary for him to resign or be recalled. Mayor Klusman was of the opinion that the city should have definite understanding with the Water Board as to whether the water is to be actually delivered to the city at a point where it could be properly tied in to a local water system and that a definite commitment on

this matter should be secured from the Metropolitan Water District. Councilman Hitchcock questioned whether it was legally possible for the Metropolitan Water District Directors to enter into contract with the city. Councilman Ludlow stated that in his opinion an investigating committee should be appointed with whom the City Attorney would act, to secure all possible information and to ascertain what the city may expect from the Metropolitan Water District and moved the Mayor appoint a committee to investigate the matters here under discussion that had been called to the attention of the Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hitchcock and was carried all voting in the affirmative except Councilman Wright who voted No.

Councilman Hitchcock stated in connection with the unemployment problem that a new registration had been ordered and that he would recommend and so moved that these registration blanks be acted upon by a Board of Equalization consisting of Chief of Police Calder, Engineer Leonard, Attorney Jensen, City Clerk Bartlett and Judge Rippey, and that any complaints should be referred to this Board of Equalization. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ludlow and carried unanimously.

The matter of placing seats in the park at the end of Post Avenue was referred to the Park Committee.

Councilman Ludlow reported that the request from Mr. Levy as presented at the last Council Meeting be held over at least until the next meeting, November 9th.

Also Councilman Ludlow reported in regard to the request for the allocation of \$1000.00 by the city to be used in the Veterans' Relief work, that this matter was being considered and that he believed that while the City Council would undoubtedly desire to make this contribution it perhaps could not legally do so but that a plan would be worked out which would in the end be satisfactory.

Councilman Ludlow also desired to know in regard to the franchise tax payments which might be collectible by the city. City Attorney Jensen reported that he was working on this matter at the present time.

Councilman Ludlow stated that a request had been made by the Citizens' Water Committee that the information furnished the Council by the City Engineer, with reference to the local water situation, be made available to their committee. It was the opinion of the Council that this matter should not be taken up publicly at the present time.

Councilman Conner reported that the badge of the manager of the Veterans' Relief organization had been turned in to the Police Commissioner.

Attorney Jensen read

RESOLUTION NO. 546

RESPECTING COUNTY AID FOR CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

City Engineer called attention to the fact that work on Elm Street, for which funds were supplied by the County, was about completed and that the Stabilization Department had been contacted in an endeavor to have the work continued on Sepulveda Boulevard. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 546 be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Jensen read

ORDINANCE NO. 238

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUILDING LINES UPON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD (LONG BEACH AND REDONDO ROAD) WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Ludlow moved Ordinance No. 238 be approved for its first reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Jensen reported that the Water Suit case was on the calendar for the December term of the Supreme Court when it is to meet in Los Angeles County.

Clerk Bartlett stated that his attention had been called by a Mr. McCabe and others in the newly annexed portion of Lomita, that charges for fire protection had been added to their tax bills and that the request was made that the Council take necessary steps to secure a correction on these bills. The Clerk was directed to take this matter up at once.

Mayor Klusman stated that in his opinion the city should be provided with a park, and that in the improvement of which work would be provided for those needing employment and that he believed a movement to further this plan should be started at once, that at least ten (10) acres of land should be secured by the city for park purposes. He stated that he believed this land could be secured under lease and option extending over a considerable time, property to be leased with object of buying; that he believed the Promotion Fund could not be spent for any better purpose. After discussion Councilman Ludlow moved that the Mayor appoint a committee to investigate the matter providing park and report their recommendations back at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Conner and carried, after which Mayor Klusman appointed a committee consisting of Councilmen Conner, Ludlow and Mayor as Chairman.

Mayor Klusman read portions of the report of the recent audit regarding monies spent for advertising purposes by the Chamber of Commerce, particularly with reference to monies spent with the Torrance Herald for advertising and distribution purposes. Mr. Whyte, Editor of the Torrance Herald, explained to the Council that the advertisement and distribution of the advertising had been contracted for by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and was entirely a business transaction between the Chamber of Commerce and the newspaper.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Leonard requested authorization by the Council for the payment of a bill to the Western Lighting Company for the replacement of a light standard broken on Engracia Avenue and for the cost of replacing glassware on several other light units. Councilman Hitchcock moved the lamp standard and globes be replaced. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

A. H. Barrett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

[Signature]
Mayor of the City of Torrance.